



Aboriginal Education Council

Minutes

February 15, 2018

White Spot meeting room 9:00 am

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; Sue Cambrey, Administrative Assistant; Charlene Everson, K'ómoks First Nation, Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association; Kathleen Hawksby, UIWONA; Linda Walton, Aboriginal Head Start; Lisa Iverson, UIWONA; Chettie MacDonald, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Sandra Ryan, Friendship Centre,

Regrets: Fernanda Pare, Barb Mitchell, Nicole Gagnon, Mark Peill, Sarah McGill, Dean Lindquist, Janice Caton, Lou-Ann Neel

Meeting began at 1:00 pm

1. Agenda additions and priorities
2. Adoption of meeting minutes of January 11, 2018 Consensus
3. Reports from:
 - **Superintendent - Not in attendance / no report**
 - **Trustee/AEC Liaison – Not in attendance / no report**
 - **CDTA Representative**
 - No collaboration time among teachers without PLC's. Cannot agree on how to make it happen
 - Violence in schools....what is violence?
 - Starting budget process
 - Starting bargaining process
 - Burnout of teachers at student services, more students with more needs not enough staff
 - LST job not manageable
 - **CUPE Representative – Written report**
 - **DPAC Representation –**
 - Meeting was held at Lake Trail School
 - Brief presentation by Gerald Fussell, Lake Trail is a true middle school, 6,7,8,9's are separated for transition, programs
 - offered as more traditional for a middle school
 - Brief presentation by Superintendent Dean Lindquist
 - Hour Zero Presentation by Paul Berry at Isfeld
 - Next DPAC meeting at Valley View on March 5th
 - **District Principal Report – report provided and highlights shared**

4. Old Business:

- Upcoming VI Parents Conference – March 3 – NGagnon, MPeill, KHawksby attending
- Pre-school Rep – email – Bruce to attend the Aboriginal Head Start PAC meeting
- 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement - conversation with TDomeo, SBO has approved and will fund the facilitator, RFP and AbEd review, need to meet with JCaton and DLindquist
- Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) update - great attendance, open and fluid, sharing the chairing and minutes are taken for reference, organic process
- Staffing positions – V-P posting has been sent out – all staff hired for exception of one position, ASW On call posted
- Elders in Residence update – Advisory committee meeting every 3 weeks, clear vision and statements of beliefs, proposed contract taken to the Secretary Treasurer, approved. Hired as a contractor and ID's to work in schools after spring break. New Name for “Elders” in Komoks language
- Budget Sub Committee – calling a meeting soon, to propose a budget at the next AEC meeting
- Enrollment Audit – recommendations, no loss of funding
- Umista Residential School travelling exhibit – District Teachers worked with CST to create lesson plans, has travelled to Brooklyn, Isfeld, (Pro D) and then to Puntledge, Courtenay Museum late summer. Bruce to ask teachers if AEC members can attend a classroom lesson
- šxʷamət (home) play (January 24th) at Mark Isfeld Secondary School – profits contributed to the good Samaritans fund

5. New Business:

- Strategic Planning from today (debrief) move it forward
- Strategic Planning (next steps -- April 26) – Marcia come back to facilitate
- Regular meeting (Apr 12) move it forward to next AEC meeting
- Invitation to ASW to attend – or AEC to attend the next Capacity meeting February 26th
 - Small group discussion with AEC members
 - Report back to larger group
 - Minutes to be taken
 - Send email to AEC with Draft Email to staff about meeting with AEC
 - Looking to develop a working relationship...hear your voice....What are you celebrating?
What would like to work on ...what would you like to see?
- Identify strategic partners
 - Gathering of AEC organizations
 - Goal – awareness of what services each organization provides for Aboriginal children and families
- Letter to NIC rep – Charlene to send letter to NIC
- Upcoming events to attend
 - U'mista Exhibits/Lessons
 - Deans of Education visit
 - IPAC meetings
- Consultation with the Secretary Treasurer
 - Suggest several options to Voting AEC members

Next AEC meeting – Thursday, March 8, 2018 at School Board Office